Subject No. 143.

Kumsi Sub-Taluk to be treated as Malnad for Forest purposes.

Summary of disscussion.—All the four Maganis of the Kumsi Sub-Taluk are Malnad in their character. They should be treated accordingly for purposes of Raiyats' Forest rights and privileges.

Dewan's reply.—The needful in this matter has been ordered.

Subject No. 144.

Charcoal licenses.

Summary of discussion.—At present raiyats are required to take out licenses to cut bamboos for charcoal to be used in making agricultural implements. This system entails unnecessary trouble on Sarkar servants and causes great delay in raiyats getting the licenses. The restriction should be withdrawn.

Dewan's reply.—The charcoal license rules are clear and liberal enough. They cannot be altered. Where they are not adhered to, representation should be made by petition and the same will be investigated.

Subject No. 145.

Taluk Treasury required at Kumsi.

Summary of discussion.—There being no Treasury in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk, Patels are required to take their remittances to Shimoga. There is thick forest between the two places and Patels have little or no escort. A treasury remittance from Nagar was once looted by dacoits. It is therefore requested that a Treasury may be opened at Kumsi.

Dewan's reply.—This is not possible at present.

Subject No. 146.

Incidence of House-tax on Art-workers.

Summary of discussion—The Mohaturfa tax is now levied on houses, shops, oil-mills, carts and looms. The present system of levying house-tax is objectionable in one respect. House-tax is levied from all artizans in the town on the value of their houses irrespective of their income. Goldsmiths and sandalwood carvers, for example, earn a good income, and in paying a house-tax only, contribute to the exchequer comparatively less than others. Such should be taxed according to their income.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. An income tax in Mysore is uncalled for and inexpedient.

Subject No. 147.

Udri market.

Summary of discussion.—A weekly fair is held every Friday in the Udri village, about 5 miles from Sorab. There is no Police Station at this place. It is not even a meeting place for Police patrols. The weekly fair here should be abolished, the one at Sorab being sufficient for all purposes.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will inquire. But, as a rule, it is not desirable to close a large and long standing market.

Subject No. 148.

Double taxation under Octroi on piece goods.

Summary of discussion.—Octroi duty on piece goods may be levied only by a single Municipality and not by every Municipalty to which the same goods are taken. Mr. Advocate Ramanna made a similar representation on behalf of Seringapatam Municipality.

NOTE.—See Subject No. 72 of last year's Proceedings.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is still under consideration.

Subject No. 149.

Notice of relinquishments of land by a registered occupant whether absolute or in transfer to another should be given to lessees or mortgagees or actual, though unregistered occupants of the same land.

Summary of discussion.—When razinamas are tendered for lands, Amildars should be enjoined to issue notices thereof to mortgagees, lessees and hypothecatees in cases where the documents evidencing the mortgage, lease or hypothecation are registered; and, if they fail to take up the lands for themselves, the razinamas should then be accepted.

Mr. Sadasiva Rao, M. R. (from Dodballapur Taluk) pointed out that a resignation tendered absolutely or on transfer of land and presented by the Pattadar is accepted without considering the claim of the actual enjoyer who is paying kandayam. This entails hardship. Such razinamas should not be accepted without proper enquiry as to possession and enjoyment.

NOTE.—*Vide* Sections 70 and 71 of the Land Revenue Code and paras 8 and 9 of Rule 26 of the Rules thereunder.

Dewan's reply.—The existing rules are sufficient and more than what they prescribe is impracticable.

Subject No. 150.

Construction and maintenance of village roads.

Summary of discussion.—The village roads opened by the villagers should be maintained by Government. New roads where required, should also be made by Government.

Dewan's reply.—This is matter for the Local Fund Board to consider, and a question of funds.

Subject No. 151.

Munsiffs to be relieved of Criminal work and 2nd & 3rd Class Magistrates' powers to be conferred on Amildars and Sheristadars respectively.

Summary of discussion.—Munsiffs should be relieved of Criminal work, so that they may devote the whole of their time to Civil work. Amildars should be invested with 2nd Class Magisterial powers and Sheristadars with 3rd Class Magisterial powers.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 152.

Timber on favorable terms for building at Kallurkatte.

Summary of discussion.—The Head-quarters of the Nagar Taluk are fixed at Kallurkatte which is a new town. Timber should be given on favorable terms for building houses here.

Dewan's reply.—A concession is called for. The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to report if he has not already done so.

HASSAN DISTRICT.

Subject No. 153.

Restoration of silted tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Several tanks are silted up and their beds given out for cultivation. It is desirable that such tanks should be restored and arrangements made for constructing silt dams across their feeders to prevent the tanks being silted up.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. Government and raiyats have enough of work on hand with the irrigation works which are in existence, and the more remunerative irrigation works which are under consideration.